

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health

Assembly Bill 405

Relating to: authorizing a hospice nurse to make a pronouncement of death.

By Representatives Underheim, Ladwig, Owens, Hundertmark, Albers, Balow, Hahn, M. Williams, Huber, J. Lehman, Taylor, Gielow and Wasserman; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Decker, A. Lasee, Lassa, Robson, Wirch and Erpenbach.

June 12, 2003 Referred to Committee on Health.

September 16, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (15) Representatives Underheim, Gielow, Johnsrud, Seratti, Montgomery, Hundertmark, Krawczyk, Vukmir, Wasserman, Krug, Shilling, Vruwink, Miller, Colon and Huber.

Absent: (2) Representatives Olsen and Wieckert.

Appearances For

- Melanie Ramey, HOPE (The Hospice Organization & Palliative Experts of Wisconsin), 3240 University Avenue #2, Madison
- RN Keri Christiansen, HOPE (The Hospice Organization & Palliative Experts of Wisconsin), 2144 Roxbury Road, Janesville, WI 53545
- Linda Grilley, Comfort Care and Hospice Services Wausau Hospital, 333 Pine Ridge Blvd., Wausau, WI 54401
- Becky Patterson, self, 207 Harrison Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
- MD Kay Heggstad, WI Medical Society/Hospice Care Inc., 4221 Venetian Lane, Madison, WI 53718
- Eric Bauman, self, 1615 Maple Street, Middleton, WI 53705
- Royce DeBow, self, 401 McDowell Street, Delavan, WI 53115

Appearances Against

- John Stanley, WI Coroners & Medical Examiners Assoc., 115 W. Doty Street, PSB Room 2144, Madison, WI 53703

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Senator Jon Erpenbach, 27th Senate District

- Tony Driessen, Vitas Hospice/Quarles & Brady, 411 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202-4497
- RN, CHPN Jane Quinn, Hospice Care Inc., 6438 Urich Terrace, Madison, WI 53719
- Todd McVey, Hospice Care Inc., 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53711

Registrations Against

- None.

October 14, 2003

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

- Present: (16) Representatives Underheim, Gielow, Johnsrud, Seratti, Olsen, Wieckert, Montgomery, Hundertmark, Krawczyk, Vukmir, Wasserman, Krug, Shilling, Vruwink, Miller and Huber.
- Absent: (1) Representative Colon.

Moved by Representative Gielow, seconded by Representative Hundertmark that **Assembly Bill 405** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Underheim, Gielow, Johnsrud, Seratti, Olsen, Wieckert, Montgomery, Hundertmark, Krawczyk, Vukmir, Wasserman, Krug, Shilling, Vruwink, Miller and Huber.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative Colon.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16, Noes 0

Marne Wischnewski
Committee Clerk